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Understand AFN Europe broadcast report of "well informed sources Switzerland" to reflect Federal Council met today and allegedly decided "to offer its services as mediator present dispute re Cuba".

Federal Council did gather 0900 hours October 23 for previously scheduled meeting; was given text Kennedy's speech, report of two background sessions acting Foreign Minister and myself, and reports from Swiss Embassy Washington. Due to absence two Federal Councilors including Foreign Minister Wahlen, no substantive actions discussed or taken. Above report therefore patently false, but to insure we have obtained categorical denial from Probst, FPD.

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